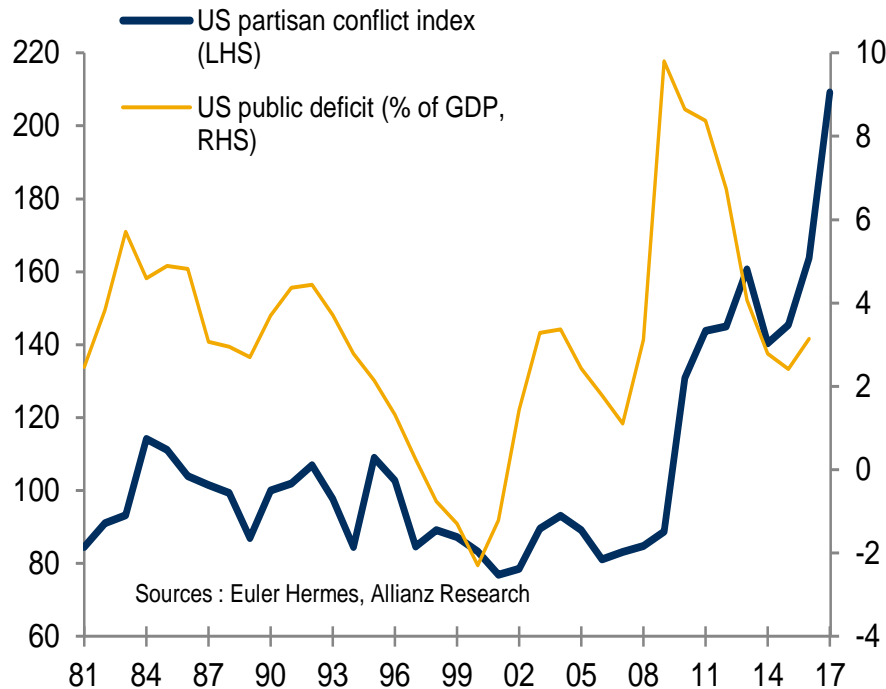


# US Government Shutdown: A Toxic Affair

The shutdown embodies the dangerous link between partisanship and public debt



The US government has been **shut down** after Congress failed to reach an agreement on the **budget**, amid squabbling on immigration.

The closure of non-essential federal offices could cost 0.1-0.15 ppt in annualized **GDP growth** each week.

The **US Partisan Conflict Index** reached a record high in 2017. According to the IMF there is a relation between political fragmentation and public debt.